# **Senate District S Senator**

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**AGE**: 68

PLACE OF BIRTH: Charleston Naval Base, SC

SPOUSE'S NAME: Stella, deceased

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Kevin, Meghan

OCCUPATION: Retired

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: March of 1977

## **ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Copper River Valley '77-'87, Bethel '87-2015, Quinhagak 2015 to present

#### **EDUCATION:**

1972 Hamilton High, MT

### MILITARY SERVICE:

joined 1972- ETS 1974, Specialist 4

#### **POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Bethel City Council, Alternative Energy, Parks and Rec Committees and Bethel planning Commission

#### **SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**

Alaska Trappers Association American Legion post 29, Muldoon, Anchorage

#### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

kids, grandkids, hunting, fishing, trapping, snogos, boats and a weekly radio show I do that airs in Bethel and Dillingham

#### OTHER:

Over four decades I've seen the changes, I understand the problems and now is the time to step up and change the direction of the Legislature. Legislators need to live in the area they represent, follow the laws, represent their constituents, not special interests and most of all, quit telling us we're too stupid to spend our own PFD.

Thieves belong in jail, not Juneau.

#### STATEMENT:

I belong to the Veterans Party. We believe in God, Constitution, and balanced budgets. I believe in following the law and paying the full statutory PFD. I believe in paying back the \$14,000 in stolen PFDs. I believe the \$16 Billion "borrowed" from the CBR should be paid back, just like the constitution says. I believe any legislator that tells you that by paying a small PFD today and the last six years, is the only way to save your PFD, is a LIAR.

I believe we need to quit lying about the PCE. As it's being used, it's just a government passthrough to the fuel suppliers. We need infrastructure that lowers the costs of energy, just like former Senator Nels Anderson designed the PCE to be, not a social hand out to big oil.

Oil and Gas need to pay their fair share in taxes. Same goes for mined minerals, which rural Alaska is probably the biggest untapped resource in North America. I'm opposed to Pebble and Donlin Mines. That hasn't changed since I ran against Hoffman in 2002. We need laws that raise the revenue percentages on all our resources taken from the ground. We need dedicated accounts, constitutionally protected to pay for eternal monitoring.

I want to fight for our kid's future to live a free productive lifestyle in Rural Alaska.

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